#### **COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**

Notice of Public Meeting of the Michigan Advisory Committee to hear testimony regarding the civil rights impact of civil forfeiture practices in the state.

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Michigan Advisory Committee (Committee) will hold a meeting on Monday May 23, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. EDT for the purpose of hearing testimony regarding the civil rights impact of civil asset forfeiture in the State.

This meeting will take place via web-conference and is available to the public through the following toll-free call-in number: 888-572-7034, conference ID: 1448776. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting (audio only). Members of the public may register for access to the online portion of the meeting (visual) at the following link: https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/s/registrations/new?cid=1xloulorqep3. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement at the end of the meeting. The conference call operator will ask callers to identify themselves, the organization they are affiliated with (if any), and an email address prior to placing callers into the conference room. Callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines according to their wireless plan, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-977-8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and conference ID

number.

Members of the public are also entitled to submit written comments; the comments must

be received in the regional office within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may

be mailed to the Regional Programs Unit, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 55 W. Monroe St.,

Suite 410, Chicago, IL 60615. They may also be faxed to the Commission at (312) 353-8324, or

e-mailed to Carolyn Allen at callen@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may

contact the Regional Programs Unit at (312) 353-8311.

Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing

prior to and after the meeting at http://facadatabase.gov/committee/meetings.aspx?cid=255.

Click on the "Meeting Details" and "Documents" links to download. Records generated from

this meeting may also be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Unit, as they

become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this

Committee are directed to the Commission's website, http://www.usccr.gov, or may contact the

Regional Programs Unit at the above email or street address.

AGENDA:

3:00-3:05pm Welcome and Introductions - Donna Budnick, Chair

3:05-4:00pm Panel: Civil Rights Impact of Civil Forfeiture Practices in Michigan

• Brian Kelly, Associate Professor of Economics, Seattle University

• Dick Carpenter, Institute for Justice

• Rebecca Vallas, Center for American Progress

• Stefan Cassella, Asset Forfeiture Law

4:00-4:15pm Committee Questions

## 4:15-4:30pm Open Comment

# 4:30pm Adjournment

DATE: The meeting will be held on Monday, May 23, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. EDT

### PUBLIC CALL INFORMATION:

Dial: 888-572-7034

Conference ID: 1448776

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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